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HOSPITAL PARTY TO BE HELD FRIDAY, DEC. 20; FRIENDS WILL BE HOST TO ALL ON SUNDAY

A Thought for Christmas

Christmas has become a hectic time for most people: shopping, wrapping packages, addressing and mailing cards, parties, traveling, financial worries — rush, rush, rush!

How long has it been since you have been away from the sounds of radio and television, away from the roar of traffic and the sound of human voices? How long since you have had time to think?

A walk in the woods or even an hour spent in a quiet room can be most rewarding. I suggest we all take at least one hour before Christmas to count our many blessings.

We in the United States have the highest living standard in the world; freedom of religion, freedom to move about as we please, freedom to choose our own type of work, unlimited educational opportunities and finest of medical facilities.

After taking time to compile your own list, why not go to the church of your choice to spend a few quiet minutes meditating on the true spirit of Christmas and thank God for His many blessings. Let us give thanks that we have been blessed with the ability and desire to help the sick and suffering. Let us pray for continued success and satisfaction in serving those who are less fortunate.

In the true spirit of Christmas you will find the happiness I wish for all at the Deaconess Hospital.

R. D. Lowry

Music, Refreshments, Candy Await Employees at Yule Fete In Cafeteria from 2 to 4 P. M.

If you're a Deaconess Hospital employee, you have a most important engagement on Friday, Dec. 20, between 2 and 4 p. m.

The hospital will be host at a gala Christmas party — an entertainment different from the program of past years.

Fun, informality and refreshments will be the keynote, and, of course, the traditional box of candy will be distributed to all.

Place: the cafeteria.

Lively music will be provided by a small orchestra. Dance if you wish — all tables will be removed.

All tables, that is, except those loaded with punch and egg nog, with candy, cookies, cakes and mints.

Department heads will distribute a ticket to each employee in advance of the party. Purchasing Agent Cliff Fisher and his assistants will staff a candy stand where, on departure from the cafeteria,

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20 EXCHANGE NURSES COME TO DEACONESS FROM MANY COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT WORLD

Twenty exchange nurses journeyed recently to Deaconess Hospital from places as far away as South Africa and Australia.

Some will remain for the minimum of six months, others for the maximum of 12 months. Among them are identical twins, Patricia and Pamela Kozenof from distant New Zealand.

England is home for 11. Two hail from Denmark, two from Western Australia, one from Lebanon, one from South Africa, and one from France.

The hospital's fame and reputation for friendliness attracted many of the nurses to the Deaconess exchange nurse program, and here they are receiving a well rounded picture of medicine in America.

In general, the first week of assignment is used to help orient the nurse to the hospital, the ward situation and the general pattern of patient care. In succeeding weeks the exchange nurse attends formal classes to learn about the administration of medications, charting, the use of suction apparatus etc.

All nurses are assigned to the care of diabetic, neurosurgical and thoracic surgical patients as part of their program. In addition they have service on general medical and surgical floors.

To complete their understanding of nursing in the United States, Miss Dwyer of the Nursing Department has been taking them on visits to other famed Boston Hospitals.

Besides the Kozenof twins, other exchange nurses are, from England, Marion O'Donnell, Agnes McDermott, Margaret Morrish, Kathleen McBreen, Christine Janet Warren, Jean McKirdy, Sylvia Riddell, Pauline Thomsett, Rosemary Starling, Doreen Enid Mitchell and Ann Criddle.

From Lebanon, Susan Barsamian; South Africa, Sheila McCombie; Western Australia, Marie Albrecht and Augustine Keenan; Denmark, Ruth Nagel and Tove Ungerman; and France, Francine Chaber.

HOW'S YOUR TELEPHONE BATTING AVERAGE?

Are you really big league or strictly from the sandlots when it comes to your telephone technique? Here's a chance to check up on your telephone batting average.

HOW TO SCORE: If your answer to the question is "yes," put a check in the Home Run column. If your answer is "most of the time," check in the Double column. If your answer is "seldom," check in the Single column. If your answer is "no," check in the Strike Out column.

ON EVERY CALL DO I REGULARLY:	HOME RUN	DOUBLE	SINGLE	STRIKE-OUT
Answer before the second ring?				
Identify myself and my department when answering or calling?				
Avoid interrupting telephone conversations?				
Greet the caller pleasantly, sound interested, friendly, helpful, and alert?				
Speak distinctly and in a natural voice?				
Use polite phrases such as "Thank you," "May I help you?"				
When answering for another emphasize his name and mine?				
Offer to take a message when answering for others?				
Arrange to have someone answer my phone when I'm away?				
Leave word where I'm going or can be reached?				
Total Checks				
Multiply by	10	8	6	0
Your score				

HOW DO YOU RATE? Over 85, Big League; 75-85, Bush League; 65 to 75, Sand Lot; Below 65, maybe you should be Benched.

THRIFT SHOP OPENS WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 10:00 A. M. TO 4:00 P. M.

Extended hours for shopping in the Friends Thrift Shop — now having one of its most successful seasons — have been announced by Mrs. Warren F. Cook, chairman.

Bargains galore now may be purchased Wednesdays and Fridays between 10 a. m. and 4 p. m.

A profit of more than $1,400 has been realized since September 25. And, of course, all profits at the Thrift Shop mean a benefit for the hospital.

Prices, as the name implies, are far below the cost elsewhere and the variety of items is now more extensive than ever, ranging from clothing to household equipment, from books to jewelry.

Since new articles are added each week, frequent return visits would well profit the wise shopper.

Mrs. Cook urges that anyone with articles of any type to be donated — and in turn benefit the Deaconess — call the Volunteer Office at the Hospital. If desired, the donated items will be picked up.

Engagements

Marjorie H. Sterling, class of 1957, to John J. Gunther III.

Mary Egner, class of 1956, to Victor F. Scalise.

Betty J. Theriault, class of 1955, to Philip P. Joyce.

Joan M. Cook, class of 1952, to David B. Wells.

Weddings

Lois E. Stanley, Personnel, to William K. Washburn.

Helen L. Adams, class of 1956, to Ens. James E. Dennison.

Janet L. Taylor, class of 1953, to Andrew B. Hadley.

Shirley E. Perkins, class of 1955, to Gerald S. Smith.

Hilary Hyde, class of 1958, to Lt. Daniel E. Klein, Jr.

BISHOP LORD RE-ELECTED BOARD CHAIRMAN; MR. CAPPER IS AGAIN HOSPITAL PRESIDENT

Bishop John Wesley Lord

Francis W. Capper

Bishop John Wesley Lord was re-elected chairman of the board and Francis W. Capper was again named president of the corporation at the annual meeting held Nov. 19 in Joslin Auditorium.

Bishop Lord was the first hospital official elected to the position of chairman of the board which was established last year. Mr. Capper also is starting a second term in his office.

He succeeded Bishop Lord who served as president since 1952.

Deaconess Hospital's chairman of the board has been Bishop of the Methodist Church in the Boston Area since 1948. He was educated at Dickinson College, Rutgers University, Drew Theological Seminary and University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Mr. Capper, a Brookline resident, is vice-president of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co. He was graduated from Harvard in 1915 and from 1933 to 1956 served as treasurer of the corporation.

Others re-elected officers of the corporation were Howard W. Brewer, vice-president; Lester C. Peabody, vice-president; Henry S. Rogerson, treasurer; Laurens MacLure, assistant treasurer, and Vincent P. Clarke, clerk.

TRUSTEES APPOINTED

Dr. Warren F. Cook was appointed at the annual meeting to the Board of Trustees for the term expiring in 1959.

Appointed for the term expiring in 1962 were Francis W. Capper, Harold C. Case, Lawrence H. Hansel, Miles C. Higgins, Laurence H. H. Johnson, Ralph Lowell, Laurens MacLure, Mrs. Eugene Mather, Glenwood J. Sherrard and Mrs. Sheldon B. Wardwell.

CORPORATION MEMBERS

Elected members of the corporation were:

Kent Andrews, manager, Insurance & Real Estate Department, United Shoe Machinery Corp., Boston.

Mrs. Alfred Avery of Malden.

Rev. Clarence P. Avey, superintendent, Springfield District.

Maynard Harris, president, Suffolk-Franklin Savings Bank, Boston.

Gordon D. Larcom, executive vice-president and treasurer, Dedham Institution for Savings, Dedham, Mass.

Mrs. Stanley MacMullen of Newton.

Rev. Harvey K. Mousley, superintendent, Norwich District, Norwich, Conn.

Miss Amelia Peabody, Boston.

John D. Young, vice-president and assistant sales manager, Lee Higginson Corp., Boston.

DR. WARREN COOK WRITING HISTORY, REQUESTS OLD DATA AND PHOTOS

Dr. Warren F. Cook is now compiling a history of the hospital. He would be especially glad to get in touch with anyone who has any knowledge of the early hospital, who has old photographs of interest or who remembers any incidents regarding early personnel.

SPECIAL CARE, HOSPITAL TEACHING UNITS NOW SAVING PATIENTS $110,000 PER YEAR

Two new concepts in the care of the ill are saving Deaconess Hospital patients $110,000 annually, it was disclosed by Executive Director Robert D. Lowry at the annual meeting of the Hospital corporation.

The Special Care Unit, established in May, 1956, to provide intense 24-hour nursing attention for the most seriously ill patients, has saved patients $66,000 in the cost of nursing care during the past year.

Lowry explained to the corporation members that without the new unit these patients would have required three special nurses, each on duty eight hours for the one-day period, at a daily cost of $45. Intense nursing care was provided in the new unit at an additional daily cost of only $15, saving the patient $30 a day.

Readily available equipment in the Special Care Unit, he added, cut from minutes to seconds the steps required in answering emergencies.

More than $45,000 is being saved annually for diabetic patients in the Hospital Teaching Unit which was opened last February. Operated by the Deaconess Hospital in the building owned by the Diabetes Foundation, Inc., the unique unit reduces the daily cost for hospitalization $3 below the charge for general hospital beds.

This is accomplished, Lowry said, by permitting ambulatory patients to help themselves more extensively. They serve themselves in a cafeteria, eliminating the need for room service, and require less nursing care than the regular patient.

Lowry predicted that in view of rising hospital costs most hospitals will eventually offer three types of care: intense care for the most seriously ill at a cost above normal care but below the expense of 24-hour duty by special nurses; regular care for the normal patient, and lower cost care for ambulatory patients capable of limited self-help.

719 Contribute Gifts Averaging $9.70

UNITED FUND DONATIONS HIT $6,977

United Fund donations soared to a generous $6,977 at the Deaconess Hospital, setting new marks in campaign giving.

Since the United Fund combined many drives in one this year, the standard for giving had to be higher and the only firm basis for comparison with the past was the Red Feather figure.

United Fund officials highly praised Deaconess employees for more than tripling the Red Feather donations of $2,272. Last year 471 employees gave to Red Feather. This year 719 subscribed to the United Fund.

The average gift jumped to $9.70 compared to the previous $4.89. This year 380 employees took advantage of the payroll plan which permitted deductions for the United Fund over a 12-week period beginning in February.

Executive Director R. D. Lowry, Associate Director Wesley Sprague and Public Relations Director Edward G. McGrath, who was campaign chairman, expressed their gratitude to all solicitors and employees who by their sacrifice and charity achieved a record worthy of the highest pride.

HABIT CLINIC RAZED TO MAKE PARKING LOT

The hospital parking difficulty has been eased by the opening of a new lot.

Twenty-three cars are now parked on the site formerly occupied by the old Habit Clinic on Autumn St. The building has been razed and a hard tar surface installed.

Permits for use of the area are being assigned to residents of hospital property on Autumn St., including the apartment house and nurses' homes.

BOWLING SCORES

DIVISION STANDING

DECEMBER 5, 1957

Division A 169 Total Pts.

Team	Pinfall	Points
4 C. Fisher	17340	34
1 W. Emery	17285	31
2 C. Schraub	17230	30
5 M. Nelson	17010	29
11 P. LeBlanc	15156	26
3 C. Spalding	16398	19

High Singles for the Year

B. Hart	120
F. Servente	105

High 3-String for the Year

W. Kilroy	327
M. Pratt	278

High Average for the Year

B. Hart	99
M. Pratt	86

Division B 115 Total Pts.

Team	Pinfall	Points
6 D. Sabine	17193	29
8 R. D. Lowry	16913	25
7 V. Caccivio	16748	22
12 J. Hougham	15110	15
10 W. Sprague	16539	12
9 H. Lasoff	15097	12

High Singles for the Year

R. D. Lowry	132
V. Caccivio	117

High 3-String for the Year

R. D. Lowry	337
V. Caccivio	294

High Average for the Year

R. D. Lowry	96
V. Caccivio	86

Fisher, Sabine Teams Lead Bowling League

Deaconess bowlers are enjoying their most competitive season since the league was formed.

A close three-point margin separates Cliff Fisher's team, the division A leader, from the second place team of Walter Emery. Emery's team, champs for the past three years, holds a slim one-point lead over third place bowlers under Captain Charlie Schraub.

The battle rages nearly as close in the Division B group. Donald Sabine's contestant's are fighting to maintain their four-point difference over the strong second place team of R. D. Lowry.

Lowry holds a most impressive high singles score of 132, a high three-string of 337 and high average of 96. All standings are for the December 5 session.

MISCELLANEOUS TABLE, staffed by nurses, attracts large crowd of shoppers.

CROWD GATHERS early in Central lobby to take advantage of Bazaar bargains.

FRIENDS' BAZAAR GAY EVENT

Shoppers thronged Central Lobby early on December 6 to take advantage of Christmas Bazaar bargains ranging from toys to home cooked food.

Benefitting from the gay annual event sponsored by the Friends of the Deaconess was the School of Nursing. The nursing staff teamed with the Friends to work for success of the sale.

Committee chairmen were Miss Dorothy Seccomb, Mrs. Sheldon Wardwell and Mrs. Richard Paige.

The holiday decoration table was headed by Mrs. Wardwell, assisted by her daughter, Anne, and Mrs. F. Gorham Brigham. Chairman of the home cooked food table was Mrs. Lewis M. Hurxthal. Her committee included Mrs. Magnus Smedal, Mrs. Shields Warren, Mrs. Richard Sweet and Mrs. Robert Appleton.

The household table, staffed by Miss Mabel Marsh, Mrs. Henry Porter and Mrs. John McKittrick, featured hand made articles. Thrift shop chairman was Mrs. Warren F. Cook, aided by Miss Edith Wright, Miss Margaret Breene and Mrs. Gerumsby.

Mrs. George McClellan and Mrs. Charles Lamb directed sales activity in the flower and gift shop, and Mrs. Richard Paige, chairman, was assisted by Mrs. Roscoe Carter and Mrs. Theodore Pratt at the children's table.

The nurses were in charge of the miscellaneous table and their alumnae association staffed the candy table.

COLORFUL DECORATIONS are sold at the Friends' Christmas Bazaar by, left to right, Mrs. Richard Paige, Miss Dorothy Seccomb and Miss Ann Wardwell

FLORAL SELECTION is made by, left to right, Mrs. Mary Bailey and Mrs. Elizabeth Sampson of Housekeeping. Selling the flowers are Mrs. Lillian Jenaske and Mrs. George McClellan.

Four Technologists Aid Diabetes Fair

After-hours work by four Clinical Pathology Laboratory technologists assisted the Diabetes Fair in discovering previously undetected cases of diabetes.

Harriet Hammond, Helen Kenneally, Shirley McGarry and Susan Malm, head technician, made 140 blood sugar determinations in the Deaconess laboratory on the first day of the Fair, an annual diabetes detection survey held this year at the First Corps Armory, Nov. 18 and 19.

On the second day, 156 determinations were made. Many Deaconess Hospital staff doctors served on the committee for the Fair which was sponsored by the New England Diabetes Association.

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Editorially Speaking

New Look

The common measure of a hospital's progress is the manner in which it keeps pace with medical and surgical advances. At first glance, a hospital is progressive if such units as the operating rooms and recovery rooms have modern equipment; if laboratories are efficiently designed and have the latest testing devices; if new developments in nursing techniques and supplies are adopted.

A hospital is dynamic, in the public mind, if its staff stands in the forefront in the development and use of new drugs, or in the discovery of new surgical methods.

By these standards of progress the New England Deaconess Hospital is a leader among the great hospitals of the world. Its staff members are world renowned. The Hospital Teaching Unit and Special Care Unit are outstanding innovations. Saving of human life and the alleviation of suffering inspire this type of progress. It is costly; it is necessary.

But a hospital with full concern for the comfort and well-being of its patients, moves ahead in other ways also. We see this in the "new look" at the Deaconess. Old beds, tables and chairs have been replaced by the most modern furniture available in every room of the hospital.

Progress that begins in the operating room continues on to the attractive color of new draperies and it extends beyond the walls to the exterior grounds. Community responsibility suggests that all buildings and their landscaping — both private and public — be neat and appealing.

In recent years the Deaconess Hospital has added the angular beauty of the Central Building and the dramatic design of the Arthur T. Dooley Chapel to the Riverway scene. Joslin Park has been developed and now, through the generosity of the Deaconess Aid Society, landscaping around the buildings has been completed.

Progress makes many demands. Deaconess Hospital will continue to meet all of them.

DR. FRANSEEN HEADS GENERAL SURGICAL STAFF: GENERAL MEDICAL STAFF ELECTS DR. BAILEY

Dr. Clifford C. Franseen was elected chairman of the General Surgical Staff recently, succeeding Dr. Roger C. Graves. Staff members paid tribute to Dr. Graves and expressed their gratitude for his service.

Dr. Theodore C. Pratt was named vice-chairman and Dr. Francis Ingersoll was elected secretary of the General Surgical Staff.

Re-elected to office in the General Medical Staff were Dr. C. Cabell Bailey, chairman; Dr. James L. Tullis, vice-chairman, and Dr. Tillman McDaniel, secretary.

NURSING SCHOOL STUDENTS ENJOY YULE PROGRAMS

An extensive program of Christmas activities for Nursing School students opened on Wednesday, December 4, with a Senior Tea in Harris Hall.

Carolling in the hospital will conclude the holiday festivities on Christmas afternoon.

The Glee Club Christmas Concert was held in Joslin Auditorium on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 10 and 11, at 8:15 p. m. Students, faculty and guests enjoyed open house, sponsored by the Executive Committee, at Harris Hall on the 10th.

Hanscom Air Force Base was host to the student nurses at a dance on the 12th and students were invited to the Wentworth Winter Wonderland dance on Friday, the 13th.

Harris Hall Christmas Party was held on Monday, the 16th, at 8 p. m. The following evening, a Big Sister - Little Sister Party was enjoyed on Harris Hall roof.

Christmas Vespers were held in the Arthur T. Dooley Chapel on Thursday, December 19 at 8 p. m. The annual Tree Trimming Party is scheduled for Monday, December 23, in Harris Hall.

Disney TV Program To Show Deaconess

Deaconess Hospital personnel who loaned their time and talents to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce movie "The Atom Comes to Town" may soon see themselves on Walt Disney's Mickey Mouse Club television program.

Portions of the picture will be shown on a program devoted to careers in science. Medical uses of the atom — the part produced at Deaconess — will tell young people about the challenges and opportunities this field offers.

Central operating rooms, the Cancer Research Laboratory and other areas of the hospital appear in the movie which is having great success wherever it is being shown. Even the Russians have seen the outstanding work being done at the Deaconess Hospital.

Over 20,000,000 persons are expected to see this feature on peaceful uses of atomic energy. "The Atom Comes to Town" is being shown to school students, civic organizations, women's clubs, service clubs, labor unions, religious groups, farm groups, PTA's college classes and adult education classes.

Two Parties

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a pound box of candy will be given in exchange for the ticket.

The regular dinner hour will be postponed on the day of the party until 5 p. m.

REMEMBER . . . ALL EMPLOYEES . . . FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 . . . 2-4 P. M. . . . CAFETERIA!

And remember, too, you're invited by the Friends to be their guests in the Central lobby on Sunday, Dec. 22.

Friends Invite Everyone To Central Lobby Party

Friends of the Deaconess will be host to "everybody" at a Christmas Party in the Central Lobby on Sunday, December 22, from 3 to 6 p. m.

Chairmen for the holiday open house are Miss Dorothy Seccomb, Friends' president; Mrs. Leland McKittrick and Mrs. Shields Warren.

Serving as hostesses will be Mrs. Sheldon Wardwell, Miss Edith Wright, Mrs. Alan P. Winsor, Mrs. C. Cabell Bailey, Mrs. Basil C. Gray, Mrs. Carl Ernlund, Mrs. Richard H. Sweet, Mrs. John McKittrick, Mrs. Francis W. Capper, Mrs. William Snow and Mrs. Laurence H. H. Johnson.

TRUSTEES NAME MEMBERS OF THREE COMMITTEES

Six members were re-elected and one new member was elected to the Executive Committee at the organization meeting of the trustees on Nov. 19.

Serving again are John Barnard, Theodore F. Koch, James T. Mountz, Glenwood J. Sherrard, William B. Snow and Mrs. Eugene Mather. New member is Lester C. Peabody.

Ex-officio members are Bishop John Wesley Lord, chairman of the board; Francis W. Capper, president; Henry S. Rogerson, treasurer; Laurens MacLure, assistant treasurer, and Vincent P. Clarke, clerk.

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The following were appointed to serve on the Finance Committee: William B. Snow, chairman; Paul F. Clark, Elliott P. Joslin, M.D., James F. Farr, Richard B. Cattell, M.D., Glenwood J. Sherrard and Mrs. Sheldon Wardwell.

Ex-officio appointments were Francis W. Capper, Henry S. Rogerson and Laurens MacLure.

HERE . . . AND THERE

Exchange nurse Susan Barsamian of Lebanon is the wife of Dr. Ernest Barsamian, also of Lebanon and currently at the Overholt Clinic. Dr. Barsamian recently was a Deaconess Hospital resident surgeon.

Common denominator among the exchange nurses is their expression of appreciation for the friendship and interest they are discovering at the Deaconess. One nurse explained for all that wherever they go in the hospital, they are told by employees, "We're glad you're here!" Everyone, they say, is patient when they have a problem adapting themselves to the American way of saying and doing things.

Mrs. Margery Homer, volunteer director, was appointed chairman of special funds at a recent meeting of the Directors of Volunteers of the Greater Boston area.

His many friends at the Deaconess mourn the death of staff member Dr. Albert F. Gigot who died December 5 at the New England Baptist Hospital. Dr. Gigot was an anesthesiologist at the Lahey Clinic. During World War II he served as a captain in the Canadian Army. He was 38.

Chief Pharmacist Charlie Schraub is receiving congratulations on his appointment as President of the New England Council of Hospital Pharmacists.

Among the heartwarming notes of appreciation received recently by Executive Director R. D. Lowry was one from Dr. Robert H. Goodwin of New Bedford. He said in part: "This bill I am delighted to pay for the recovery of my wife. I am especially desirous of adding a personal expression of appreciation from Mrs. Goodwin and myself for the courteous efficiency, consideration and excellent care she received throughout her stay."

Earned World Fame as Neurosurgeon

DR. HORRAX, STAFF SURGEON, DIES

Dr. Gilbert Horrax, Lahey Clinic neurosurgeon and one of the most renowned staff members of the New England Deaconess Hospital, died at the hospital recently at age 70.

He was associated with the late Dr. Harvey Cushing, famous brain surgeon, and with the Deaconess and New England Baptist Hospitals for many years. Dr. Horrax, who earned world recognition, joined the staff of the Lahey Clinic in 1932 as chief of the Department of Neurosurgery.

A resident of Brookline, he was chief consultant in neurosurgery for the New England Area of Veterans Administration Hospitals from 1933, and consultant to the Murphy Army Hospital from 1952.

After receiving his B.A. degree at Williams College in 1909, Dr. Horrax was graduated from John Hopkins Medical School in 1913. He served his internship at the Peter Bent Brigham and Massachusetts General Hospitals.

In World War I, he served as a major in the Medical Corps of the U. S. Army from 1917 to 1919. He held teaching posts at Harvard Medical School from 1919 to 1932 as assistant instructor and assistant professor, and instructor for graduates from 1933 to 1941.

Appointed to the Investment Committee were John Barnard, William W. Wolbach and Laurens MacLure.

Ex-officio members are Francis W. Capper and Henry S. Rogerson.

NEW FURNITURE PUT IN ALL PATIENT ROOMS

Every patient's room in the New England Deaconess Hospital now is equipped with the most modern furniture designed for efficient care and comfort.

A refurnishing program, headed by Purchasing Agent Cliff Fisher, was completed this month at a cost of more than $85,000. All remaining old furniture was removed and a "new look" was introduced to all buildings.

New "vari-hite" beds are speedily adjusted to any height. Safety sides are attached and, since the foot of the bed can be raised as well as the head, shock blocks are no longer needed.

Modern bedside cabinets follow the color scheme of all other furniture, a light tan known as "silver mist." New over bed tables have a built-in mirror and wash basin. They may be used as a reading stand or to hold food trays at mealtime.

Bedside chairs are steel-framed with fabric-covered foam rubber seats. Fifty wooden framed wing chairs have been placed in rooms throughout the hospital for the added comfort of patients who are able to leave their beds. These are in a wide variety of attractive colors, adding a touch of cheerfulness wherever they are placed.

Drapes in assorted florals and patterns brighten the Baker Building throughout. Other buildings will be decorated similarly when funds are available.

Colonial maple furniture introduces a friendly theme to the Deaconess lobby where renovation has included lowering of the ceiling and installation of fluorescent lighting and a ventilation system.

Cliff Fisher has appealed for the donation of Colonial color prints, preferably old Boston scenes about 12 by 16 inches in size. Ten are needed to complete decoration of the Deaconess lobby.

LANDSCAPING ADDS BEAUTY TO GROUNDS

Slumbering beneath the frozen sod in front of the Deaconess Hospital buildings are hundreds of bulbs, the roots of honeysuckle and evergreens.

They await spring to burst into floral glory. Crocuses and daffodils will bloom, the honeysuckle will flower and young trees and shrubs will stretch upward in bright greenery.

Extensive planting has been completed and the Deaconess will boast new exterior beauty thanks to the generosity of the Deaconess Aid Society of New England. Donations of the Society have made the project possible.

Horticultural enthusiasts will be interested in the planting plan devised by experts in the field. Principal planting in front of Deaconess and Palmer Buildings is a Japanese Yew hedge.

Between Deaconess and Central Buildings are 1200 honeysuckle and 1000 crocus and daffodil bulbs. Among the trees planted in the area are white dogwood, sourwood and upright yew. Boston ivy against the buildings completes the scene.

Hatfield yews flank the main entrance with columnar maple trees at the further end of each picture window. A hedge of andorra juniper extends the length of Central and Baker Buildings.

A spreading yew stands on each side of the driveway between Palmer and Baker Buildings. Hundreds of tulip bulbs have been planted on the Riverway side.

The help from the Deaconess Aid Society continues the generosity and friendship of its members who in the past donated much equipment, including that used to start the shock therapy department.